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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Assistant General Counsel

FROM: [REDACTED]
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: DCID 1/14 Adjudication Guidelines

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum dated 28 January 1980
(OGC 80-00660)

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1. The proposed revision to accommodate NSA's objection to the adjudication guidelines is unacceptable.

2. The proposed wording, which leaves final responsibility and decision up to each SIO, clearly signals that each SIO may establish his own policy, thereby effectively taking the policy-making role away from the DCI. Furthermore, the proposal utterly destroys the idea of a minimum standard or floor and would allow agencies so inclined to adopt even lesser guides. We believe that to accept such wording would ill serve the Intelligence Community.

3. Our position remains firm; we prefer to go to the DCI and NFIB with a footnote statement that NSA alone does not concur because of their belief that the guidelines will be viewed as an open opportunity to weaken the clearance process. On the contrary, we see the guidelines as a way of strengthening clearance requirements by establishing a minimum floor. As you well noted in your memorandum, NSA criteria for granting accesses already go far beyond the proposed minimum standards.

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